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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examining the above-referenced application, the Applicants request the application be amended as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

on page 3, line 3, after "chuck" please insert --(hereinafter ESC)--.

On page 5, ling 26, after "Figure 8a is" please insert -- a top view of--.

On page 7, line 7, after "sidewall 18" please insert - also referenced as chamber wall

<u> 18--.</u>

On page 8, line 22, after "foreline" please delete "57".

On page 8, line 24, after "port" please delete "59".

On page 8, line 25, after "flange" please delete "61".

On page 9, line 14, please change "lid assembly 34" to --lid assembly 14--.

On page 11, line 22, please change "grafoil" to -Grafoil® (i.e., a flexible graphite material)=-.